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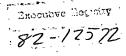
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Deputy Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Comments on Interagency Discussion Paper

on Ferroalloys

Per your request, attached are CIA's comments on the Interagency Discussion Paper on Ferroalloys:

"The prospects for weak demand and abundant supplies of chrome for the foreseeable future mitigate against problems of US vulnerability to supply disruptions. Moreover, conservation in the use of ferrochromium and ferromanganese in the production process and substitution for stainless steel would greatly lessen the impact of a supply cutoff. An Agency study: Strategic Minerals: A Review of the Issues (attached) found Western vulnerability to supply disruptions less than commonly believed. (See especially pages

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